MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL-THE CITY DEST-THE CIRCUIT COURT-PEASTS AND FESTIVALS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHURCHES-MUNICIPAL STATISTICS-THE AG-RICULTURAL FAIR-HAMMOND THE FORGER-STRAWBERRIES-DEEDS, AC. [Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

MAY 31, 1877. At the last regular meeting of the City Council a resolution was adopted instructing the City Treasurer, Mr. Virginius Johnson, to make off a statement of the city debt, including the date and details of every issue of bonds, the amount negotiated, the bonds retired and cancelled, and the total debt now outstanding, both funded and floating. Mr. Johnson has been hard at work on this ardness task ever since it was assigned him, and will probably have his report ready to submit to the Council at its session to-morrow. The city fathers believe in the policy of retrenchment and reform, and are using every effort to reduce the public indebtedness to the lowest figure. They feel that they will be better enabled to deal with the debt question when they find out by the official figures exactly how much the city owes and what rate of interest it is paying. Another question to come up to-morrow incidental to the debt will be an ordinance authorizing the issue of \$150,000 in city bonds, for the purpose of retiring that amount of 101-per-cent, river bonds issued in 1871 under the auspices of Congressman J. H. Platt, Jr., for the improvement of the navigation of the river. The Council will also receive the estimates of during the coming fiscal year, and will probably elect the city physicians, the Board of Health, and the overseers of the poor, for the year beginning on July 1st. The Circuit Court, Judge Weisiger presiding, began its session this morning, but adjourned without the transaction of im-

portant business. A May-queen festival for the benefit of chapel takes place at the Fair-Grounds this afternoon. The feast for the benefit of Ettricks

Methodist church netted the sum of \$150. which is to be applied to the enlargement of that place of worship. The amount raised will be about one half of what is required for the purpose.

and thirty-eight cases were disposed of in the Mayor's Court, and the sum of \$108.25 was collected. Under the present dispensation, the penalty of the lash has been entirely dispensed with, in which determination the Mayor is, I think, very generally sustained by the people. Vagabonds and petit larceners are set to work in the chaingang, by the labor of which the streets and park are kept in good order. Eighteen couples were linked during the

month in the (alleged) golden bands of It seems to be understood-more's the

pity-that the Agricultural Society of this city will make no effort this fall to hold its usual annual fair. The grounds and buildyear before last, are in splendid condition, but the encouragement deemed requisite for the undertaking of an exhibition has not

A large party of excursionists from Suffolk passed through the city this morning. They were bound for Richmond to see the sights. A good many of our people joined

The Knights Templar of Appomattox good condition, and are loud in their praise of the hospitality of their Richmond brethren. Not a headache appears to have been brought home by them. The friends and relatives of the forger

Hammond, several of whom reside in this city, attribute his proceedings to mental aberrations and disorders, to which he is said to be subject. The strawberry crop in this section is so immense this season that the very finest ber-

cents per quart. The people of Dinwiddie and Brunswick are said to be moving in favor of the nar-

row-gauge railroad from this city, chartered at the last session of the Legislature. Seventy-four deeds were entered of record

in the clerk's office of this city during the month of May. The new City Directory of Campbell &

Gregory will be given to the printer in a ROBIN ADAIR. few days.

Wayne MacVeagh Skins a Beast. PHILADELPHIA, May 29, 1877.

To General B. F. Butler: Sir,-I have just read your letter in the New York Times. Your "informant" happens to have told you the exact opposite of the truth in every statement respect-

Colonel Wharton did not aid me at New Orleans, but was one of the adherents of the Packard government to the end. He did not manage or transact any kind of business for me. He did not receive any promise from me in respect to any office. have not asked the President to appoint him marshal. So much for that portion of

Where I am known I do not need to deny the silly story about the use of money, or declare it to be, as you well know it to be, a base and cowardly falsehood. For those who do not know me, perhaps I ought to add that, apart from any repugnance on my part to the crime, there were two practical difficulties in the way of my committing it: I had no money of my own to spare, and it is only a military commandant of New Orleans in time of war who can safely appropriate any considerable quantity of the property of others to his own use.

The fact is that the enemies of reconciliation in Louisiana waste their time in trying to discover or invent some kind of bargain with which at once to account for its success and to discredit it. Strange as it may seem to some of them, political results are still attainable in this country by straightforward and honest methods, and the country will judge the result we secured by its fruits in comparison with the fruits of the opposing policy, comparing the four years come of honest and lawful government with the eight years just ended of hatred, intimidation, outrage, corruption, anarchy,

Therefore, from the bitterness of good men misguided, and of bad men disappointed, I appeal to the generous judgment of the American people, and I await their decision upon the subject of our labors in Louisiana, not with misgivings or excuses,

but with confidence and pride. Yours truly, WAYNE MACVEAGH.

General Butler is very fond of writing letters, and he may reply to Mr. MacVeagh's extremely personal epistle. There is another friend of General Butler's who says he is very anxious to have a satisfactory reply to a letter he wrote to him a long time ago. This is Private Dalzell. Three years ago, when General Butler was making the campaign for Congress'in which he was defeated, he was addressing his constitunents in the town hall of one of the villages of his district. While he was speaking an enormous spoon was seen apparently to descend from the ceiling and swing to and fro immediately in front of the speaker. For probably the first time in his life General Butler was staggered, and it was some moments before he could frame an appropriate remark. Private Dalzell heard of this incident, and says he thought it was Islands, has not yet accepted or declined. time to have the spoon question definitely settled. He wrote the f

a thief? An early answer will oblige

"PRIVATE DALZELL." The General indorsed on the back of this:

"You are an impertinent scoundrel," and returned it. The private reindorsed it: from the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. Three chiefs of divisions have been swer." He has never heard from it, but says that he will be followed, whose places will be filled by that he will be in Washington again when new men.

Congress meets in the fall, and that he then Hoffman Atkinson has resigned the sec-

PRESIDENT HAYES AND THE JEF-FERSONIAN DIPLOMACY SYSTEM.

The Baptist Association at Danville

MR. HAYES SAYS A TENURE OF EIGHT OR TEN YEARS DOES NOT CREATE A CLAIM TO THE OFFICE-HE ADVOCATES A CHANGE EVERY FOUR YEARS-THE POSTAL, COM-BROWN'S DRUG-STORE, IN BALTIMORE, BURNED-DEATH OF A FRENCHTEACHER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE WRECKED FRANCISCO-A CATHOLIC CHURCH STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND SIX PER-SONS KILLED AND SEVENTY WOUNDED-THE TRIAL OF THE ELLENTON (S. C.) RIOTERS, &c., &c.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.] REDUCTION OF CLERICAL FORCE IN THE COL-LECTOR'S OFFICE AT PETERSBURG.

WASHINGTON, May 31 .- The Treasury Department having found it necessary to reduce the clerical force in the office of collector of the port at Petersburg, they have raised such a row about it the Department is seriously considering the advisability of removing the office to City Point. This collectorship is rather an insignificant affair anyway, being worth only about \$500 a year, while the officer gives a bond of about \$40,000. The difficulty about the clerkship the different committees for expenditures appears to be (though I have not inquired particularly about it) that the collector is not able to perform the extra work that will be thrown upon him by the reduction of the number of assistants.

A delegation from Richmond visited the Treasury Department and White House to-day in reference to Virginia offices. DISCHARGED-VISITORS TO THE TREASURY DE-

Mr. W. T. Bayley, of Richmond, was discharged to-day from the position of assistant in the chief architect's office, a place he has held with commendable adesiveness for a long time. He is said to During the month of May one hundred have been a good officer, but incapacitated

Button and Burch of Lynchburg, Davenport (colored) of Richmond, Jorgensen, and Jake Cohn, were among those who meandered through the Treasury Department to-day.

Fifty more employés were discharged today from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, that huge money-factory which under Mr. McPherson's predecessors carried upon its pay-roll 2,000 names. Now the establishment is reduced to a business basis. everybody is kept busy, and the Bureau will be able to compete with private printings, on which \$5,000 or more were spent | ing and engraving concerns. The saving by the changes that have been made aggregates \$40,000 per month, or nearly half a million per annum. No doubt the economic Holman and Sam. Randall will tear their hair and rend their garments next winter when they come to know that all this money has been saved without the intervention of the Democratic House of Representatives, and oughly cultivating it. anders. No. 26, returned home in that much political capital has been lost to the Democracy. But there is enough room for the exertion of their energies elsewhere if they are not too blind to see the oppor-

tunities for retrenchment. SENATOR RANSOM, OF NORTH CAROLINA, returned home last night after spending a few days in this city. The General was suffering much painfrom a fracture of his left forearm, which he received about a month ries are sold in market at from four to eight ago. He has been under treatment by skilful surgeons, and it is believed his arm will be saved. The present fracture was the immediate result of a fall, the arm having been weakened by a severe wound re-

ceived at the battle of Drewry's Bluff. Leach and other North Carolina Democrats are indignant at the published story that they have avowed their endorsement of the conservative course of the present Administration, and encouraged the talk of forming a new party in their State, because they wished to secure immunity for defrauders of the revenue who are their clients. They do approve of all conservative measures instituted by Mr. Hayes's administration, but they say they have no sympathy whatever with any

schemes for forming a new party. Tourgee is a candidate for the consolidated pension agency, located for the present at Richmond. Phillips, a northern man, who holds a position in the Treasury, and is accredited to North Carolina, is his most active supporter. Very naturally Phillips espouses the cause of all carpetbaggers and non-native Republicans.

PERSONAL. Judge Hughes called at the White House to-day and paid his respects to the President.

G. P. Button and Burch are looking after the interest of Wilson, postmaster at Lynchburg. Mackenzie is urging a Democrat named Early for that post-office, and it is understood Mosby is also in favor of him. George P. Button has been appointed to the clerkship vacated by Bayley, but does not go into harness until July.

Edgar Allan interviewed the Secretary about that consulate, and having spoken his piece in Yorkshire dialect (not Billingsgate), ne sleeps happily to-night in the belief that he has satisfied the Department that he speaks the language of the country to which he would be accredited.

[Associated Press Report by telegraph to the Dispatch.]

THE CHISHOLM TRAGEDY. All the representations and the papers regarding the Chisholm tragedy have been referred to the Attorney-General, who will examine the laws for the purpose of ascer-Federal courts to interfere. The Secretary of State takes a part in the investigation only from the fact that the British authorities complain that one of the parties was a for this object.

MUTINY ON SHIPBOARD.

The consul at Havre reports a mutiny aboard the brig C. C. Sweeny, of Herrington, Me., on May 16th, a few hours after leaving Havre. Six men refused to obey the mate, Henry Harris. They killed him, and attacked the captain and second mate, who barricaded themselves in the captain's cabin. Through the faithfulness of the cook, steward, and two men the vessel was brought back to Havre. The French authorities claim jurisdiction, as a French pi-

lot was on board at the time. He claims that the mutineers shot at him.

The Attorney-General has returned. General Comly, of Ohio, to whom Hayes tendered the mission to the Sandwich during the year. The President favors what he calls the

Jettersonian system in diplomacy—that there "General Benjamin F. Butler: Are you should be changes every four years. The President does not consider that a tenure of eight or ten years creates a claim for con-

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED-THE HOME MISSION WORK-NEW FIELDS AMONG THE INDIANS-DR. JETER'S AN-NUAL SERMON-THE MINISTERS' RELIEF ISTERIAL EDUCATION: THE SUBJECT DISCUSSED BY DR. BROWN, MR. McDON-ALD OF RICHMOND, AND OTHERS-OTHER

[From Our Special Reporter.]

DANVILLE, May 31, 1877. The Association met at 9 o'clock A. M. and spent half an hour in devotional exercises-Rev. Reuben Jones, vice-president,

Reports of committees on order of business and hours of meeting were adopted. Standing committees were appointed as

Credentials .- J. T. Averett, P. Swann, J. H. Barnes, Josiah Ryland, J. R. Lloyd. Order of Business .- T. S. Dunnaway. V. R. D. Moncure, W. A. Whitescarver, A. Davis, T. D. Toy.

Hours of Meeting .- Wayland, Dunnavay, Thomas N. Walker, T. H. Ellett, B. F. Bland, C. T. Sutherlin. Time, Place, and Preacher for Next

Meeting .- W. S. Penick, R. D. Haymor, J. R. Garlick, C. Tyree, A. E. Owen. Religious Services .- The pastor and delegates of the Danville Baptist church.

New Boards .- T. W. Sydnor, F. M. Latham, W. A. Street, J. A. Haynes, E. T. Education .- W. D. Thomas, Andrew Broaddus, Jr., Thomas Hume, Henry Mc-

Donald, J. E. L. Holmes, George B. Eager,

W. R. Barksdale, C. B. Fleet. HOME MISSSIONS.

In the absence of Mr. C. B. Fleet, corresponding secretary, the secretary of the Association read the annual report of the Home Mission Board. It briefly reviewed the operations of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Twenty missionaries had been employed, who reported four hundred and seventy conversions. The debt of the Board had been so reduced that it was easily manageable. New fields among the Indians had been opened, and six missionaries were laboring among this people. The contributions from Virginia for this work had only been \$1,341.25 during the year. While it was a small increase over the previous year, it was far below what ought to have been raised; and pastors were urged to make more earnest efforts to increase the amount raised for home missions.

Rev. William H. McIntosh, D. D., of Alabama, the corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, addressed the Association in support of the cause he represented. He announced the gratifying fact that the whole debt of his Board had been fully paid. Then be earnestly and graphically sketched the field in which his Board worked, and showed its needs and the importance of furnishing ample means for thor-

Rev. W. E. Hatcher, D. D., followed in an address in favor of Indian missions, and concluded by offering the following resolutions, which were adopted as an amendment to the pending report:

Resolved, That we warmly second the movement for the establishment of mission schools among the Muscogee Indians. Resolved, That our brethren in Virginia

be urged to raise the \$500 asked from them o complete the amount necessary to the establishment of this school. Rev. Elias Dodson, of North Carolina,

and Rev. J. L. Carroll, made earnest speeches in favor of adopting the report. A collection was then taken for the Muscogee Indian school, amounting to \$366. The report was then adopted.

THE ANNUAL SERMON. The President announced that the hour for the annual sermon had arrived. Intro-

ductory religious services were conducted by Rev. A. Broaddus, D. D. Rev. J. B. Jeter, who had been selected to preach on this occasion, remarked that this was the presiding judge, the case will be given to fifty-fourth anniversary of the Association. 3d verse of Jude for his text, he proceeded to discuss in an able and earnest manner "the obligations of Baptists regarding their distinctive principles."

Adjourned to 4 P. M.

Afternoon Session. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Lay, of South Carolina. General J. G. Field, first vice-presi-

dent, in the chair. In the absence of the author (Colonel T. J. Evans), the report of the

MINISTERS' RELIEF FUND was read by Dr. C. R. Vaughan. The report shows that during the year the receipts of the committee have been \$1,501.65, being an increase over the receipts of last year: and that fourteen needy ones had been aided, and that the committee now has \$373 eash) on hand and \$130 invested. The committee state that the demand for relief is greater than ever, and urges a large increase of contributions. It insists that the invested fund should be increased to at

Dr. Vaughan read a touching letter from the widow of a deceased Baptist minister. Dr. E. W. Warren, of Richmond; General Beale, of Westmoreland; Rev. T. S. Dunnaway, of Fredericksburg; Dr. Kirk, of Northumberland; General J. G. Field, of Culpeper; Dr. Rice, of King and Queen; Rev. Joel Hubbard, of Pittsylvania; Judge taining whether there is any authority for Pittsylvania; Dr. A. Broaddus, of Caroline; stitute, made earnest and effective appeals

Generals Beale and Field spoke as laymen

ligation of the churches to sustain them: Father Hubbard, who is eighty-five years old, recalled some touching reminiscences

of the older ministers. Dr. Brown, in his usually able manuer, urged that unless the general fund be made large enough to meet all claims upon it harm would be done by withdrawing local sympathy.

The report was adopted. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr. George B. Steel read his report as treasurer of the General Association. The report shows \$21,400 received and disbursed After various matters of routine the As-

sociation adjourned until S P. M. Night Session, Prayer by Rev. W. A. Whitescarver. The house was packed to its utmost ca-

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION. Mr. J. T. Ellyson, carresponding secretary, read the forty-seventh annual report have adopted a resolution that in the event of the Education Board.

The report opens with a discussion of the Congress meets in the fall, and that he then expects to see General Butler personally, when, if he still has no written reply, he will request a verbal answer to his polite interrogatory, — Baltimore Sun.

Hoffman Atkinson has resigned the sector of the Legation at St. Petersburgh, and that he then expects to see General Butler personally, retaryship of the Legation at St. Petersburgh and Georgia Railroad question of denominational aid to students burgh. Mr. Wickham Hoffman, who has served in the same capacity at Paris and the road is to be leased to the East question of denominational aid to students burgh. Mr. Wickham Hoffman, who has served in the same capacity at Paris and the road is to be leased to the East question of denominational aid to students burgh. Mr. Wickham Hoffman, who has served in the same capacity at Paris and the road is to be leased to the East question of denominational aid to students burgh. Mr. Wickham Hoffman, who has burgh.

manliness, invites to the ranks of the minstry young men of inferior talent, and that assistance is sometimes given to those who use the opportunity to secure an education manly self-respect of the beneficiary restore Morris Ketchum as trustee of the Marsellaise. student has been preserved by taking his bond for the amount expended on his education, which he is expected to THE YOUNG MEN'S CATHOLIC UNION-ELECTION pay out of his first savings after entering on the full work of the ministry; that the young men educated by this Board, so far from being men of inferior talent, will compare favorably, whether for subsequent usefulness, success in the ministry, or for literary attainments, with a like number of students in any of the colleges of our land; and that as missionaries, pastors, and leaders in denominational enterprises, they have shown that the culture and training received through this Board have fitted them for the highest usefulness in the cause of Christ; and that of the four hundred and Very Rev. Thomas S. Preston, New York; five young men educated for the ministry by this Board not more than six of them abandoned their holy calling, and in these cases there were no reasons for believing that any of them received the aid of the Board with the deliberate purpose of securing an education at the expense of the denomination without any intention of

preaching the Gospel. During the past year the Board have supported thirty-three young men who are preparing for the ministry, who for scholarship and promise of usefulness are equal to those of any preceding year.

The receipts for ministerial education for the year were \$4,154.82. The report says: "It should be cause of most devout thanksgiving that in a year of great financial depression we should have been enabled to pay the \$500 due on the last year's indebtedness, provide for all the expenses of the current session, and reduce our old debt more than forty per cent." The old debt is now only \$734.70.

DR. A. B. BROWN

then took the floor and made one of his inimitable speeches. He hoped that the day would never come when the Baptist denomination would take the position that no man should preach unless he has reached some specified standard of scholarship; but AID FOR THE WRECKED PASSENGERS OF THE he ably and eloquently insisted that the preacher of the present day should seek the highest culture, and should be helped to the very highest attainments in every cash to the necessities of the wrecked peobranch of learning. He especially considered the objections urged to gratuitous education of ministerial students, and ably

In replying to the idea that gratuitous education tends to lessen a young man's manhood, he said that if this were so he would like to know what sort of men Lee and Jacksom would have made if they had gratuitous education.

OTHER SPEAKERS. Rev. Dr. W. D. Thomas followed in an able analysis and advocacy of the special regulations of the Board.

Rev. Henry McDonald eloquently urged that the great need of the world is pious, earnest, qualified preachers of the Gospel. This was Mr. McDonald's first appearance before the Association, and he seemed to make a fine impression.

The report was adopted. Adjourned.

The Postal Committee. EN ROUTE TO RICHMOND-THE PARTY AT KNOXVILLE.

KNOXVILLE, May 31 .- The train from Atlanta to Chattanooga with the Postal Committee aboard made the 138 miles over the Kennesaw route in three hours and thirtynine minutes. They left Chattanooga this morning, and made the run to this point-112 miles-in two hours and forty-five minutes. After meeting the citizens here they leave for Richmond over the Kennesaw route, where the party will arrive at 6 o'clock to-morrow evening.

THE ELLENTON CONSPIRACY TRIAL. CHARLESTON, May 31 .- The argument in the Ellenton conspiracy case in the United States Court before Chief-Justice Waite closed to-night, and at the opening of the court to-morrow, after a charge from the

The accused are eleven white citizens and that he was the only man living who of Aiken county who are charged had witnessed its organization. Taking the under the enforcement act with a conspiracy to interfere with the political rights of David Bush (colored). Some 250 or 300 whites from the same county have been arrested and held to bail on a similar charge, but only these eleven have it had not overlooked any possible continbeen brought to trial as a test case. The evidence adduced on the trial on both sides shows that from Friday, September 15, 1876, to Thursday, September 21st, in the southwestern portion of Aiken county, borderng on Barnwell county, and in the neighboring part of Barnwell county, a number of acts of violence were committed by both whites and blacks, and the people of both races were in a state of great excitement. especially from Sunday morning to Tuesday

The theory of the prosecution is that the violent acts of the whites were in pursuance of a general plan to intimidate colored voters, and that several defendants having at various times and places been more or less connected with bodies of men, some of whom committed these various violent acts, are themselves responsible for all of them; and one of these acts was the killing of policy of supporting Turkey. If pop-David Bush. A general conspiracy was in- ular pressure was withdrawn, he deand one of these acts was the killing of ferred from these general acts, which becomes constitutionally a special conspiracy against Bush and the defendants, and they are as responsible as if they severally and ment to disprove it. jointly had combined for that particular

The theory of the defence is that a lawful attempt on the part of the whites to arrest a man who had assaulted a white woman caused resistance and excitement on the part of the blacks; that the consequence was the assembling and riotous conduct of J. H. C. Jones; Rev. Dr. A. B. Brown, of the armed negroes, their threatening language and demeanor, and their actual wavand Professor C. L. Cocke, of Hollins In- laying and killing of white men, burning of property, and wrecking of railroad trains, rendering it necessary for the white people in self-defence, and whatever acts of violence were committed on the part of the sacrifices of the ministry and the ob- of the whites grew naturally out of a quasi war of races thus inaugurated. The number of witnesses examined on either side has been large, and the progress of the trial, which has occupied the Court continuously since the 15th instant, has excited much feeling. The case is being treated by the prosecution as an effort to visit deserved punishment upon deliberate an Anglo-Austro-French alliance to be and systematic violators of the political and personal rights of the blacks; and Germany, but in reality against Gerby defence as a political persecution, in many alone. France and Austria were which defeated Republican candidates are to have attacked Germany, while England using the machinery of the Justice to gratify their personal spleen and to rekindle Russia in the East. The English Cabinet, enmity between the races, now almost entirely allayed. The charge of Chief-Justice to nothing. Waite to-morrow is looked for with great interest. The jury is composed of twentysix white and six colored men, with George W. Williams, a wealthy Charleston banker, as foreman. The general expectation is that they will be unable to agree upon a verdict.

of New York, and certain French and Swiss ! bondholders, on a petition to be made parties defendant in the suit of William Butler Duncan et al against the Mobile and Ohio railroad, Judge Trigg, of the United without any intention of preaching the States District Court, has overruled the mo-Gospel." It is shown in reply that the tion. He has also denied the motion to prosecution will be instituted against the said road.

OF OFFICEES, &C. NEW YORK, May 31.—The delegates to the Young Men's Catholic Union to-day continued their session in De Lasalle Institute, and adopted resolutions of thanks to Cardinal McClosky for his kind expression regarding the Union. Resolutions were also adopted requesting delegates to interest their societies in the cause of Catholic education-which was believed to be an absolute necessity-and for the establishment and maintenance of schools to instruct Catholic youths in worldly knowledge, and on the principles of his faith. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: General President, General Vice-President, Rev. John M. Welsh, Albany; Secretary, Juan A. Pizzini, Richmond; Treasurer, Thomas J. Moore, Brooklyn; Diocesan Vice-Presidents, John J. Kean, New York; Charles C. Hughes, Philadelphia; Rev. A. T. Kane, Harris-burg; Rev. John J. Keane, Washington; Rev. John M. Keiley, Brooklyn; Rev. T. C. Burke, Albany; Rev. Patrick Cronin, Buffalo; George Hara, Chicago; A. A. Rothemick, Providence; F. J. Ryan, Richmond, and Theo. M. McHugh, Boston. FAILURE ANNOUNCED.

New York, May 31 .- The failure of William B. Clarke is announced. Mr. Clarke was formerly president of the Stock Ex-AWARD OF GOLD.

NEW YORK, May 31 .- The \$1,000,000 Government gold was awarded to-day at 106.28. Maryland. DRUG-STORE BURNED IN BALTIMORE. BALTIMORE, May 31 .- W. H. Brown Bro-

thers' drug-store, on south Sharp street, was burned to-day. Loss, \$90,000.

DEATH FROM HYDROPHOBIA. HARTFORD, CONN., May 31 .- Monsieur Vaalvergnat, an instructor of French, who was bitten by a dog on April 30th, died this morning of hydrophobia.

California.

CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO. SAN DIEGO, May 31 .- The officers and crew of the flag-ship Pensacola, at Mazatlan, have contributed five hundred dollars ple from the steamer City of San Francisco. They lost from \$3,000 to \$10,000 each. The theory is that the vessel was cut open by an upheaval from the recent earthquake. The essel was in the usual course.

Colorado.

ONE OF BEN'S "STORIES."

PUEBLO, COLORADO, May 31 .- In the press telegrams of to-day there appears a statement made by General B. F. Butler to Oklobshio, commanding the operations not have had their manhood destroyed by the effect that he neither owned, nor expected to own, an inch of land in Colorado. In the records of Pueblo county appears a warranty-deed from William Craig to Benjamin F. Butler for seventy-one thousand ix hundred and thirty-eight acres of land. The deed is dated April 20, 1877, and there is no evidence to show that it is not bona fide. The consideration was \$30,000.

FATAL EXPLOSION IN SILVER ORE TUNNEL. when the day force went to work in the wounded. Silver Ore tunnel, near the Terrible mine Georgetown, they found the mangled corpses of John Gregory, Harry Walters, and a companion named Pope, all of whom had been mangled and killed by an explosion of powder. There is no survivor to account for the cause.

From the Indian Country.

SITTING BULL'S DEFEAT DENIED. CHICAGO, May 31 .- Lieutenant Clark telegraphs General Sheridan from the Red Cloud Agency that after a full investigation he considers the reported defeat of the Indians as absolutely false. Sitting Bull could not have been in the vicinity of the reported fight.

Canada.

A HALF MILLION BURNED UP. NEW YORK, May 31 .- A special dispatch from Montreal about the fire there yesterday says the loss will foot up half a million

dollars. LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

England.

PREPARING FOR CONTINGENCIES. LONDON, May 31 .- In the House of Commons this afternoon Lord Elicho urged the Government to prepare for eventualities of

the present war.

Mr. Hardy, Secretary of State for the war, in reply, said although the Govern- son. From Philadelphia May 22d, schooner Morning ment maintains forces on a peace footing, star, Lynch. From Boston, May 23d, schooner Henry Whitney, A CHURCH STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

LONDON, May 31 .- The Catholic church in Wieschen Posen was struck by lightning on Sunday during service, and six persons were killed and seventy seriously injured. MR. GLADSTONE'S SPEECH AT BIRMINGHAM-ENGLAND'S POLICY.

BIRMINGHAM, May 31 .- Mr. Gladstone arrived here to-day and received a great ovation. Business was suspended. At an evening meeting 30,000 people were present. Mr. Gladstone made a speech which consisted of an attack on the Turkish Government, but contained the same accusa tions as on former occasions. He justified popular agitation because the Gov ernment pursued a zigzag policy and were always ready to revert to the clared, the country entirely sided with the Liberal party. If the Government dis-puted the fact they should dissolve Parlia-

At the close of Mr. Gladstone's speech resolutions were unanimously passed, amid great enthusiasm, declaring that a wise and honorable policy would be for England to use her influence in conjunction with the great Powers to exact from Turkey effectual guarantees againt maltreatment and oppression of the Christians.

Germany. THE POST ON THE SITUATION-THE HOPES OF

PEACE-COUNT VON BEUST. London, May 31.-Yesterday's Berlin LONDON, May 31.—1 esterday

Post had another war article declaring that rara.

Salled: Brig Curlgutaff, for Baltimore; bark Jonath and Salled: Brig Curlgutaff, for Baltimore; bark Jonath Salled: Brig Curlgutaff, for Brig Curlg professions or intentions of the French Cabinet, and that hopes of peace rest chiefly on the prudence and sagacity of the German statesmen. The article is full of insinuations against Count Von Beust, the Austrian ambassador at London, of whose intrigues it gives a circumstantial account.

It says he recently endeavored to cemen nominally concluded against Russia and would be left to deal single-handed with however, seeing through this plot, it came France.

THE LAW REGARDING MEETINGS TO BE EN-FORCED. PARIS, May 31 .- The semi-official Francais declares that Minister Fourteen inends to enforce the law for meetings of over a certain number of peo-

ple for discussion of politics. HONORS TO MINISTER WASHBURN.

against the Deputy Mayor of Bellefort for he same reason.

The editor and manager of the Marsellaise has been sentenced to three months imprisonment and a fine of 4,000 francs for insulting President MacMahon. A fresh

Rome.

INTRIGUES OF THE CLERGY CONDEWNED. ROME, May 21.—The meeting of the Republicans at Apollo Theatre to-day was numerously attended. Resolutions were adopted condemning the intrigues of the

The Campaign in the East. HIGH WATER-RUSSIAN MOVEMENTS. London, May 31.- A special dispatch from Plotesti to the News says: Though the rains have ceased the Danube is so high, owing to the melting of the snow in the mountains near its source, that an inundation is feared near Alteniza, which would oblige the Rus-

following: It is understood that a small detached column under selected officers, and having widely outlying objectives, will form a part of the Russian scheme of operations after crossing the Danube. Some Bashi-Bazouks crossed the Danube between Kalarack and the Jalomitza. They captured Roumanian mulateers and cut off

The News's Bucharest dispatch has the

sians to remove their batteries there.

the calves of their legs. The News's Alexandria dispatch says: The Egyptian transport steamers have not yet started with the Egyptian contingent of troops for Turkey. The strike of English engineers, which at first delayed their departure, has been settled, but the Russian man-of-war Petropanlouski, carrying twen-

ty nine-and-a-half-ton guns, is waiting for them in the Mediterranean. A special dispatch from Paris to the Times says: Turkish iron-clads are expected at Alexandria on the 4th of June to escort the Egyptian transports.

ALL QUIET AT KARS. ERZEROUM, May 29 .- All is quiet at Kars. Heavy rains continue, preventing opera-

ARDAHAN AGAIN REPORTED RECAPTURED BY THE OTTOMAN TROOPS. LONDON, May 31 .- On the Stock Exchange there have been eight failures of "bears," the speculators announced, during the

pending settlement. The Turkish foreign Minister has telegraphed the Porte's representatives abroad as follows: Ardahan, which was recently occupied by the Russians, has been recaptured by the Ottoman troops. THE RECAPTURE OF ARDAHAN DOUBTED.

St. Petersburg, May 31 .- The Turkish Government's announcement of the recapture of Ardahan is regarded here as untrue. because telegrams from Tifles dated to-day mention no such event. ARDAHAN, AGAIN. LONDON, May 31 .- A Reuters Constanti-

nople dispatch, dated Thursday evening says: The Porte has not yet received official confirmation of the recapture of Ardahan from the general commanding Ardahan. RUSSIAN SUCCESS-SAMELBA HEIGHTS CAR-RIED. St. Petersburgh, May 31 .- An official dispatch from the army of the Caucasus,

dated May 29th, says: On Monday General against Batoum, ordered his advance guard to the left bank of the river Kentrisch to carry the Samelba Heights, on the left of the Turkish line. The enterprise was accomplished. Meantime a detachment ascended the Kentrisch, and after great difficulty established a position about four miles from Khatzubani, thus cutting communication between Batoum and the population of the Kabeleti district. The Russian loss in both DENVER, Col., May 31.-This morning enterprises was four killed and thirty

> LONDON, May 31 .- The Times's Paris special says: Delegates from the Greek provinces of Turkey held a meeting at Athens last night in favor of war. The Committee on National Defence has been called on to distribute arms in those provinces.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE. MINIATURE ALMANAC-JUNE 1, 1877. PORT OF RICHMOND, MAY 31, 1877. ARRIVED.

Steamship Wyanoke, Couch. New York, merchandlise and passengers. G. W. Allen & Co., agents.
Steamer John Sylvester, Post, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, L. B. Tatum, agent.
Bark Tietens, to load oil, Melsner, Ackerman & Bark Fornjot (Nor.), to lead oil, Me'sner, Acker-

Steamer Regulator, Howe, Philadelphia, merchandise and passengers, W. P. Porter, agent.
Steamer Eliza Hancox, Gifford, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers, L. B. Tatum, agent. CLEARED FOR THIS PORT. From New York May 19th, schooner Alexander Wiley, Beauchamp. From Bordeaux May 2d, bark Kate, Molback. From Liverpool May 8th, brig Hilding (Nor.), El-From Liverpool May 6th, bark St. Olaf (Nor.) From Alexandria April 30th. schooner George T n Philadelphia May 7th, schooner Iowa, Hedvy

heppard. From Baltimore May 24th, schooner S. Solomon From Philadelphia May 24th, schooner H. Simrons, Godfrey. From Philadelphia May 25th, bark Concordia er.), Kaetelholdt. From Philadelphia May 28th, schooner E. C. From Philadelphia May 28th, schooner E. C. Knight, Jr., Blake.
From Philadelphia May 28th, schooner D. Williams, Willetts.

MEMORANDA. Bark Concordia (Ger.), reported below to arrive o-day, to load oil, Meisner. Ackerman & Co. Schooner Lucy Ames, Richards honce of Ball. Schooner Lucy Ames, Richards, hence, at Phila-leiphia on the 30th.

Schooner O. P. Binns. dence on the 29th.
Schooners D. B. Steelman, Hexter; Centennial,
Phillips; and David E. Wolf, Todd, hence, at Balti-NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Providence River.—The wreck buoy between Coniment and Nyatt Points, Providence river, has been removed, the wreck having disappeared.

Long Island Sound.—The Smith's Ledge buoy. has been replaced. A. C. RHIND,
Commodore United States Navy,
Lighthouse Inspector Third District,
Office, of the Lighthouse Inspector, Third District,
Tompkinsville, N. Y., May 29, 1877. Notice is hereby given that a second-class from can buoy, with red and black horizontal stripes, has been substituted for the first-class spar, marking "Isle of Wight" shoal, off the coast of Maryland.

W. R. BRIDGMAN,

Commander United States Navy,
Inspector Fourth Lighthouse District,
Philadelphia, May 30, 1877. By Telegraph.

NEW YORK, May 31.—Arrived out: Steamers Alone, Meletas, Arctic, Diana, Helena, Gien, Alvon, Matilta, Matilda C. Smith, Tirade, Jason, and West-DEATH ON SHIPBOARD SAVANNAH, May 31.—Arrived: Bark Minna Helene, from Rio Janeiro. The mate reports that Captain Krenkel died of the measles four days ago.

FORTRESS MONHOE, May 31.—Passed in: Barks Uno, from Rotterdam, Emmers; schooners Bertha, Ellen. Passen out: Brig Mississippi, for Demerara.

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RICHMOND STOCK EXCHANGE. THURSDAY, May 31, 1877. State Securities.—Virginia consols, 71% bid, 72% asked; Virginia consols, new, 42% bid, 43 asked; Virginia tax-receivable coupons, 83% bid, 84 asked. City Securities.—Richmond city 8%, 116% bid, 117% asked; Richmond city 6%, 99% bid; Petersburg city 6%, 93 bid; Lynchburg city 6%, 93 bid; Norfolk city 8%, 108 bid; Lynchburg city 6%, 93 bid; Norfolk city 6%, 93 bid; Norfolk city 6%, 93 bid; Norfolk city 6%, 106 bid; Norfolk city 6%, 106 bid; Norfolk city 6%, 88 bid; Fredericksburg city 7%, 99 bid; Manchester 8%, 91% asked; Manchester bridge 5%, 160 asked.

Kaltroad Bonds.—Virginia Central Railroad first mortage 6%, 1 and 1, 90 bid; Virginia Contail

160 asked.

Rattroad Bonds.—Virginia Central Raitroad first mortgage 6's, J. and J., 90 bid; Virginia Central Railroad third mortgage 6's, J. and J., 75 bid; Virginia and Tennessee Railroad second mortgage 6's, J. and J., 75 bid; Virginia and Tennessee Railroad second mortgage 6's, J. and J., 75 bid; Southside Railroad second mortgage preferred 8's, J. and J., 82% bid; Southside Railroad second mortgage preferred 6's, J. and J., 60 bid; Southside Railroad third mortgage preferred 6's, J. and J., 41 bid; Petersburg Railroad first mortgage 8's, J. and J., 82 bid, 89 asked; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad mortgage 8's, A. and A., 100 bid, 110 asked; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 8's, A. and A., 100 bid, 110 asked; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 8's, A. and A., 100 bid, 110 asked; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 8's, A. and A., 100 bid, 110 asked; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 8's, A. and A., 100 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 8's, A. and A., 100 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 8's, A. and A., 100 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 8's, A. and A., 100 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 8's, A. and A., 100 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 8's, A. and A., 100 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 8's, A. and A., 100 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 8's A. and A., 100 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 8's A. and A., 100 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 8's A. and A., 100 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 8's A. and A., 100 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 8's A. and A., 100 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 8's A. and A., 100 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Richmond, Richmond, Richmond, Richmond, R mortgage 8's, A. and A., 100 bid, 110 asked; Richmond. Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad mortgage 7's, J. and J., 95½ bid; Richmond and Danville Railroad consolidated 6's, M. and N., 71½ bid, 72 asked; Pledmont Railroad first mortgage 8's, A. and O., 85 bid; Richmond, York Elver and Chesspeake Railroad and Steamboat 8's, J. and J., 83 asked.

Railroad Stocks.—Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad common, 100 par, 49 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad six per cent. guaranteed, 100 par, 80 bid; Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae Railroad seven per cent. guaranteed, 100 par, 83½ bid; Richmond and Danville Railroad, 100 par, 4 bid.

Bank: Stocks.—First National, 100 par, 115½ bid; National Bank of Virginia, 100 par, 97 asked; Planters National, 100 par, 114 bid; Merchants National, 100 par, 77 bid; Citizens Savings, 25 par, 23% asked.

Insurance Companies.—Virginia, Fire and Mangaret and National Contracts.

23% asked.

Insurance Companies.—Virginia Fire and Marine, 25 par, 40 bid; Virginia State. 25 par, 32½ asked; Virginia Home, 100 par, 100% bid. 105 asked; Merchants and Mechanics, 100 par, 89 bid. 90 asked; Granite Insurance Company, 100 par, 72 bid, 75 asked; Richmond Fire Association, 25 par, 16 bid, 17 asked; Picimont and Arlington Life. 100 par, 101 bid.

Miscellaneous.—Old Dominion Iron- and Nail-Works Company, 100 par, 85 asked; James River. Works Company, 100 par, 85 asked; James and Kanawha Packet, 124 par, 5 bid.

NEW YORK.

New YORK, May 31.—Gold opened at 1064, Noon.—Stocks weak. Money on call, 1614 per cent. Gold. 1064. Exchange—Long, 488; short, 490%. State bonds steady and unchanged. Governments weak and lower. Enening.—Money easy at 14 per cent. Exchange teady at 488. Gold firm at 106%. Governments teady; new 5's, 111%. States quiet. BALTIMORE.

BALTIMORE, May 31.—Virginis 6's, old, 30; Virginia deferred, 5; Virginia consolidated, 71%; second series, 42. North Carolina 6's, old, 20; new, 9; special tax, 2. Bid to-day. COMMERCIAL.

CORN AND FLOUR EXCHANGE. HICHMOND, May 31, 1877. OFFERINGS.

WHEAT.—Red, 50 bushels. CON.—White, 264 bushels. Yellow; 200 bushels. 9ATS.—104 bushels. MILL-OFFAL.-15,000 pounds. SALES. WHEAT.-Red. 50 bushels good at \$1.60.

CORN.-Mixed, 50 busuels. Fine. \$6.50: superfine. \$7.75@\$6; extra superfine, \$8.50@\$8.75; common family, \$9.50@\$10; ancy family and City Mills, \$10.50. Market very

ushels on private terms; 80 bushels very good at 5c.—total, 450 bushels.

MEAL.—164 bushels on private terms.

RICHMOND TOBACCO EXCHANGE. THURSDAY, May 31, 1877. The breaks to-day comprised 146 hogsheads, 73 lerces, and 11 boxes. The offerings at auction on Change were 116 packages; of which number 19 were taken in, and the remainder sold at prices ranging from \$4.10 to \$70.

By Telegraph.

NEW YORK. NEW YORK, May 31.—Cotton quiet; uplands, 11%c.; Orleans, 11%c.; sales, 873 bales; consolidated net receipts, 7.751 bales; exporte—to Great Britain, 18,485 bales; to France, 5,059 bales; to the continent, 2,210 bales; to the channel, 3,500 bales. Flour—more doing, without decided change in prices, closing steady: southern flour unchange Wheat quiet and steady, with very light export and milling demand. Corn 1@14c. lower; moderate business doing; ungraded western mixed, 53@55c.; yellow southern. 60c.; white. 594@60c. Oatsidell and lower. Coffee—Rilo firm, in good, demand, and unchanged. Sugar firm, with moderate inquiry. and unchanged; refined in moderate demand at 114@12c. for standard A. Molasses firm and in fair demand. Rice steady, with moderate jobbing inquiry. Tallow steady at 8½@84c.; latter for prime. Roain more steady. Turpentine firmer at 32@32½c. Pork opened heavy and closed firm at 32@32½c. Pork opened heavy and closed firm; new prime steam, \$9.45; old. \$9.57½. Whiskey a shade firmer at \$1.114@\$1.12; nearly sil at inside price. Freights steady.

BALTIMORE, May 31.—Flour moderately active, firmer, and not quotably higher. Wheat quiet, firmer, and higher; Pennsylvania red, \$1.85; Maryland Maryland red, \$1.75@1.86. Southern corn quiet and easy; western duil and lower; southern white, 60c.; yellow; 58@59c. Oats easier; southern 42 @46c. Rye quiet and firm at 75@80c, Provisions dull and heavy. Pork, \$15.50@815.75. Bacon—Shoulders, 6%c. Refined lard, \$10@\$10.25; Coffee strong and unchanged. Whiskey quiet at \$1.02. Sugar in good demand at 12c.

LOUISVILLE LOUISVILLE, May 31.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat dull; red, \$1.65; amber, \$1.75; white, \$1.80. Corn dull; white, 54c.; mixed, 53c. Oats \$1.80. Corn dull; white, 54c.; mixed, 53c. Oats dull and nominal. Rye dull at 80c. Pork quiet at \$14.50. Bulk-meats quiet; shoulders, 5c.; clear ribs, 7%c.; clear sides, 7%c. Bacon firmer but not quotably higher. Sugar-cured hams quiet at 10%60 11%c, Lard easier; choice leaf, tierce, 10%c.; choice leaf, keg, 11%c. Whiskey dull at \$1.07. Bagging nominally unchanged.

CINCINNATL

CINCINNATI, May 31.—Flour dull and tending downward. Wheat dull: red, \$1.60@\$1.70. Corn in fair demand at 45@48c. Oats steady and in fair demand. Rye quiet and firm. Barley nominally unchanged. Pork in fair demand at \$14.25. Lard dull and nominal; steam, \$9.25@\$9.30; kettle, \$10@\$1.0.50. Bulk-meats in fair demand and firm; shoulders, \$4.80; short rib. \$7; short clear, \$7.37½; all held a shade higher at close. Bacon quiet; shoulders, \$5.75; clear ribs, \$7.85; clear sides, \$8.25@\$8.37%. Whiskey moderately active and higher at \$1.07. Butter dull and unchanged. Hogs in good demand; packing, \$4.85@\$5.10; receipts, 2,393 head; shipments, 1,979 head.

St. Louis, May 31.—Flour dall and nominal. Wheat higher; No. 2 red fall, \$1.65@\$1.66\(\frac{1}{2}\); No. 3 red fall, \$1.55@\$1.55\(\frac{1}{2}\); Corn inactive; No. 2 mixed, \$2@\$42\(\frac{1}{2}\); Outs inactive; No. 2, \$8c. on esist side and on track. Rye—No demand. Whiskey, quiet at \$1.07. Pork dull; job lots, \$14.25. Lard dull and nominal. Bulk-meats dull; shoulders, 4%c.; clear-rib sides, 7@7%c.,June. Bacon quiet and unchanged. Hogs stronger at \$4.75@\$5.10. Cattle active and unchanged.

CHICAGO. CHICAGO.

OBICAGO, May 31.—Flour steady and unchanged.
Wheat active and lower: No. 2 Chicago spring, \$1.49 cash or June, \$1.50\%\@\$1.50\% July; No. 3
Chicago spring, \$1.32. Corn dull, weak, and lower at 45\%c. cash or June, 46\%c. July, 48\%c. August.
Oats dull and a shade lower at 37c. cash, 37\%c. June, 38c. July. Rye firm at 71c. Barley in good demand at 60c. Pork in fair demand and lower at \$13.87\%cash or July, \$13.70 June, \$14.05 August.
Lard dull and a shade lower at \$9.30 cash or June, \$9.42\% July, \$9.55 August. Bulk-means steady and unchanged. Whiskey; \$1.07.

Afternoon Board.—Wheat 1c. higher. Corn \(\frac{1}{2} \)c, higher. Oats \(\frac{1}{2} \)c, higher. Fork firmer but not quotably higher. Lard easier; \$9.25 bid cash.

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